



## 2023 FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER



Another year closing! Another season of waiting ahead as we anticipate our return to The MIVO Orthopedic Centre. In this newsletter, we include some of our strategies to better prepare the foundation to continue our mission "to bring Hope and healing to those in need in Haiti". While we are waiting with inspired anticipation, I want to remind our readers of the events in the book of Joshua. The Lord tested Joshua's faith and that of the Israelites by telling them to march around the walls of Jericho for seven days. No weapons were used; no battle ensued. Yet, on the faithful 7th day, the army blew their trumpets and gave a loud shout as instructed. Then, the walls fell and became stepping stones for their entry into Jericho. (Joshua 6: 2-5)

You may ask what this has to do with MIVO. In this scripture, we are reminded that great things happen when we have faith in God and trust in His promises. Although Haiti remains impenetrable at this time, we continue to believe that there will be a time when we will resume our operations at the clinic. We are marching with confident expectations! We are seeking God's direction in the next steps to ensure our future as we have been instructed. Through the story of the walls of Jericho, we learn that "seemingly ridiculous actions" can have great meaning and purpose when done in true faith. Please, continue to read more about MIVO's faithful march toward our return.

Love, Always!

Reverend Dr. Gracia Etienne, MD, PhD, DD



### MIVO Strategic Plan Committee

At the MIVO Foundation, it has proved to be a year of fixing our eyes upon Jesus as we met the challenges facing our organization. We continue in our mission: "To offer HOPE to the people of Haiti by treating their orthopedic problems through Christ-centered care, integrating their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs." God has provided us a window of time to strategize for our future. We have developed a strategic plan and have a completed business plan to move forward with the chapel and medical campus we plan to build as soon as God leads us back into the country. As you know, our beloved Haitian people have continued to struggle this year with much civil unrest, worsening poverty, starvation, and lack of essential infrastructure as electricity, petroleum, and ability to freely import needed materials. Due to safety risks for any mission teams, we have been unable to travel to the clinic in 2022 or 2023.

God has answered our prayers by keeping our building intact and safe. We are also looking forward to one of our Haitian surgeons coming on board full time at the clinic in the near future. So, although our eyes did not foresee all the challenges we faced the past 3 years, our Father did. Our mission teams will return as soon as we can do so safely! Yet in the interim, He is working.

Lori K Smyser  
Chairperson of Strategic Planning Committee

### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The MIVO Foundation Executive Committee

Gracia, Manotte, Lawrence, Lori, Austin, Kirsten, Deb, Ron, Donna, Stewart B., Stewart S., Mary & Loretta

## MIVO Stateside Efforts

Stateside staff and volunteers remain diligent and dedicated to collecting medical supplies for our MIVO Medical Centre in Haiti. We are always looking for new volunteers to help support our continual efforts to collect and sort medical supplies in our new facility in Jefferson.

We stand ready to ship much needed medical supplies to our campus in Haiti as soon as the ports are open. We currently have five (5) full trailers loaded and ready for shipment. In order to ship these necessary medical supplies, we will need to continue to ask for monetary support from our donors.

While we remain ready, we also ask for your continual spiritual support to ensure we are able to help our Haitian brothers and sisters when safe travels are declared for Haiti.

Romans 12:12 “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

Sincerely,  
Mary Uffelman, Stateside Coordinator

## Faith in Action Award/Golf Outing

The MIVO Foundation executive committee is honored to receive quarterly nominations for its Faith in Action Award. This recognition is given to an individual who has demonstrated his/her strong commitment to the MIVO Foundation. This quarter’s recipient has been positively engaged in many aspects of MIVO since its inception.

He has supported the annual golf tournament for 6 years both as a golfer and hole sponsor, he regularly attends the annual FunDay activities, his financial support is unwavering, and he took a mission trip to the MIVO clinic in Haiti in 2019. In his words, “it was truly inspiring to witness the compassion, kindness, effort, and teamwork of the group during the trip. I felt privileged to be a part of it.” The team was honored to work alongside such an astute individual and the people of Haiti were blessed by his presence.

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*

- 1 Peter 4

This quarter’s Faith in Action award is being given to Dr Doug Hoffman.



## CCAST News (Christ Centered Action Service Team)

CONTINUE TO PRAY:

1. Haiti will be unified under God and find peace.
2. For God to open doors for transportation of supplies to Haiti.
3. Restoration and healing will be brought to the Haitian people through God’s grace and mercy.

“Is Prayer Your Steering Wheel or Your Spare Tire?”

-Corrie Ten Boom

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